



# The PRIDE of LOYOLA



*Service of God and Others*

*The lion or lioness is the school's mascot, and pride (a group of lions/lionesses) refers to the students of Loyola Jesuit College.*

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## **CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING.**



It is our conviction that if well mentored teenagers can become exemplary leaders. Hence it is our vision to make excellent leaders of all students who graduate from Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja. The Citizenship and Leadership training is one of the many programs we offer which equip our students to realise this goal. Although this program is traditionally held at Shere Hills in Jos, for the second time now, it has been held at Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja. This is as a result of the security challenges that Jos has been facing for some time now. We continue to pray that Jos will return to the peaceful city it once was so that our students may continue to make use of its excellent facilities for their program.

The program was designed to expose our students to four aspects of leadership: 1. Physical fitness 2. Mental and intellectual alertness 3. Good ethical and moral value 4. Sociability. At the end of the program, the resource persons and trainers commended our staff and students for their hospitality. They also commended our students for their intelligence but challenged them to improve on their care for personal and public property. The 115 participants received certificates of participation, and 114 of them received the coveted Man O War badge.

We are grateful to the management of the Citizenship and Leadership Training program for making course SH791 of Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja possible. We also thank our staff (Mrs Grace Anokwuru, Mrs Roseline Egudu, Mr Osita Ukwuaba, Mr Ifeanyi Uche and Mr William Osemwegie) who spent a part of their holidays accompanying our students in this program. We congratulate our SS II students for successfully completing this program. We expect them to be the exemplary leaders they have been trained to be.



## Announcements

**INTER-HOUSE SPORTS AND N20 MIL-LION FUNDRAISING:** The 11th LJC Inter-house sports competition takes place on February 18, 2012. Alumni, Parents and Friends of LJC are all welcome to the event. The event begins with Holy Mass in the school chapel at 10:00AM.

### **SECURITY DESK:**

Cooperate with our Security Personnel and Traffic Wardens: These men and women in uniform are here to help to ensure you are safe and that traffic flows without obstruction. Also, when you obey them, you support the education of your children, the education that upholds obedience to constituted authority.

Also be informed that Taxi-cabs are not allowed into the school premises for security reasons. Please cooperate with our security personnel for our safety and welfare.

### **ORTHODONTIC CARE:**

We are glad to announce that arrangements are in place to meet the orthodontic needs of our students in such a way that their academic pursuits do not suffer in the process. Henceforth, orthodontic appointments must be fixed for the weekend. Kindly check the academic calendar to ensure there is no clash with other school programmes whenever you make your appointments. Also, contact the school clinic ([clinic@loyolajesuit.org](mailto:clinic@loyolajesuit.org)) to get their schedule. Or you may call the school (08054909665; 07053333380) during office hours for verification.

### **LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION:**

Kindly send a hand signed letter of authorization to the principal if you want a non-guardian to pick your child/ward out of the school for any reason.



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**THANK YOU:** The faculty and staff of Loyola Jesuit College wish to thank the LJC PTA, Lagos branch, for their beautiful Christmas cards and cakes. Thank you; we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

**IGNATIAN RETREAT:** Ignatian retreats afford us opportunities for personal renewal and spiritual growth as well as the deepening of our understanding and appreciation of the principles guiding the education of our children. Here is another opportunity to participate in one:

Date: March 22 - 25, 2012

Venue: Jesuit Retreat Centre, Benin City

Accommodation and Feeding Costs: about N10,000

Stipend for Spiritual Director: As you are led to give

Deadline for registration and payment: February 20, 2012

To reserve a space, please send an email to [pta@loyolajesuit.org](mailto:pta@loyolajesuit.org).

### **STUDENT SPECIAL EASTER PILGRIMAGE 2012:**

Event: Students' Easter Pilgrimage.

Destination: France and Italy (Asisi, Lourdes, Casia)

Schedule: Saturday March 31st and Tuesday 10th April 2012.

Purpose: To "expand the students' knowledge in Church history and create awareness early in life for students to know the roots ... of their faith."

For more information: Email [chaplain@loyolajesuit.org](mailto:chaplain@loyolajesuit.org) or call the chaplain on 07053333380.

**HELP US HELP YOUR CHILD:** We have noticed that some students take advantage of out of school trips (visa interviews, medical care, special examinations, etc), during the academic year, to bring in contraband items. Kindly educate your chauffeurs, friends and family that accompany your child to ensure your child does not smuggle contraband items into the school. These items often distract your child and encourage indiscipline in the school.



# Announcements



## FROM THE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE

### 1. NOVEMBER 2011 S.A.T. RESULT:

The result of the November 2011 S.A.T. – 1 of our SS3 students has been released. Ten L.J.C. students, out of the sixty-six that wrote the S.A.T - 1, scored 2000 and above, while three students scored below 1500/2400. Master Kenechukwu Nwosu has the highest score of 2180/2400. Others who scored 2000 and above are: Miss Okafor Chisom 2160/2400; Master Mogbolu Chibuchi 2110/2400; Miss Nwankwo Lynda 2080/2400; Master Agbapu Zikora 2080/2400; Master Emelumadu Nodebe 2060/2400; Miss Efobi Jo Ann 2050/2400; Miss Asinugo Nneoma 2040/2400 and Master Jalani Ndada 2020/2400.

### 2. SS-2 P.S.A.T. RESULT:

The result of the one hundred and five SS2 students who took the PSAT examination on October 15, 2011 has been released. Miss Princess-Jewel Essien has the highest Selection Index [230] and Percentile [99]. While Yadel Okorie, Motiloluwa Ogunsina and Edun Mofeyifoluwa came second with Selection Index [202] and Percentile [97]. Chijindu Okoro came third with Selection Index [198] and Percentile [96]. The individual result slips were enclosed in the End of Term envelopes the SS2 students took home.

### 3. S.A.T. 1 & 2 REGISTRATION:

Our SS3 students have been registered for the above examination as follows:

[a] SAT-1 January 28, 2012: 29 students

[b] SAT-2 January 28, 2012: 32 students

The fees for these examinations excluding **extra report charges [\$10.50 each]** are as follows:

- a. S.A.T.-1 = \$120.00
- b. S.A.T.-2 = \$120.00
- c. TOEFL = \$250.00

**NOTE:** If the results of these examinations are to be sent to **more than four schools** parents should deposit into the account of their child additional amount for the extra reports. All payments should be in dollar to the accounts department. Those who want to pay in naira should please use **N170.00 exchange rate** because of the fluctuating value of the naira. If the exchange rate is lower by registration, the balance will remain in the student's account. Parents whose children have been registered for any of these examinations and have not paid for the examinations should do so soonest.

The only acceptable means of identification and admission into the examination halls for these examinations is the **International Passport**.

Meanwhile, the December 2011 S.A.T. – 1 & 2 took place on December 03, 2011 and it was hitch – free.

### 4. TOEFL REGISTRATION:

Registration of our students for this examination has commenced. The first set of our students have been registered as follows:

- a. January 13, 2012 : 20 students
- b. January 21, 2012: 20 students
- c. February 03, 2012: 20 students
- d. February 11, 2012: 20 student

As we secure more dates the number of students registered would be made known. The fee is as indicated above.

We are aware of the problem the TOEFL testing center in Abuja is having and the cancellation of the January 21, 2012 test date of our students. We are discussing with College Board/Educational Testing Services and will keep parents informed of any new arrangement.

### 5. MAY/JUNE 2011 CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION/REGISTRATION:

This is to inform all our 2011 graduates who wrote the May/June 2011 C.I.E. test that the Certificates are ready. They can pick up their Certificates in the school's administrative block.

The registration for May/June 2012 Cambridge Examination will be from January 04 to February 16, 2012 according to the Guideline released by British Council. The registration fee is N6300.00 per candidate and N12, 600.00 per subject with administrative charge of N6100.00. Parents of SS3 students are expected to have discussed with their children during the Christmas break on whether to register for this examination or not. Interested students are expected to register for at least six subjects.

### 6. 2011/2012 J. A. M. B./U.T.M.E. REGISTRATION:

J. A. M. B. has advertised for registration for 2011/2012 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination [UTME]. Registration of our SS3 students will commence immediately on resumption from the Christmas holidays. All SS3 students were given the **“2011/2012 JAMB DECISION MAKING PRACTICE FORM”** to take home. Parents of all SS3 students are expected to have discussed with their children during the holidays the **Courses, Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education of choice**, filled and signed the **JAMB Decision Making Form**. The signed form should be returned to Mr. Gabriel Egudu on resumption.

The registration fee for this examination including administrative charges is N8000.00 [eight thousand naira] only. This should be paid into the student's account at or before resumption.



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## SAMPLE SS1 SUBJECTS SELECTION SHEET

### Important Information:

Only **one** subject may be selected from a given Elective Group.

*Christian Religious Studies* is a compulsory choice for all Christian students.

Students who achieve a very low performance/standard (below 65%) in General Mathematics and Basic Science in the LJC administered Mock Basic Education Certificate Examinations will not be allowed to do Physics or Further Mathematics in SS1. This is because they have shown from their result an insufficient ability to cope with these subjects. On the other hand, if some students insist on taking up Physics or Further Mathematics in spite of their poor grades, they may be given the opportunity to repeat JS3 in order to see if they could reach the required standard – if they believe that their current performance was as a result of lack of sufficient effort on their part.

Every student is expected to do a **maximum** of thirteen (13) and a **minimum** of twelve (12) subjects.

Please, complete the form below and **return it** as early as possible.

### Compulsory Cross-cutting Core:

1. English Language
2. General Mathematics
3. Computer Studies
4. Civic Education

(Circle one Trade/Entrepreneurship Subject below which you would like to do)

Catering Craft Practice **OR** Data Processing **OR** Fisheries

### LJC Compulsory:

6. Biology
7. Economics
8. Christian Religious Knowledge (CRK)

**Elective Groups:** Write down the subjects chosen from the following Elective Groups. Only one subject would be selected from a given group.

9. Literature-in-English **or** Geography **or** History
10. Agricultural Science **or** Technical Drawing **or** Foods & Nutrition
11. Further Mathematics **or** Visual Art **or** French
12. Physics **or** Government **or** Music
13. Chemistry **or** History **or** Hausa

**NOTE:** Every Christian student must register the eight (8) Compulsory subjects, while Muslim students may skip the 8<sup>th</sup> Compulsory Subject (CRK). Only **one** subject may be selected from a given Elective Group (9 to 13) above.

**Which career would you like to pursue?** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: -----, CLASS: -----; SIGN: -----; DATE: -----

PARENT'S NAME: ----- --SIGN:----- DATE: -----

OFFICE USE:

COUNSELLOR'S COMMENTS
NAME:

# NEWS

## NISSMUN 2011...That Special Conference

Last year, we were in FCT to FCT: Fight Corruption Together...

NISSMUN 2011 was great. The 17 Loyola Jesuit delegates (Tobenna, Chisom, Teresa, Kene, Princess, Oyinda, Chidumaga, Sammy, Chinasa, Kamilah, Onyema, Obinna, Chijioke, Miebaka, Muna, Muyiwa and Bamidele) departed the school in the afternoon of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 with Mr Mbanefo and Ms Edward. We went to the international conference centre where we were registered and welcomed. There were over 75 Schools present. From there, we were led to Harmonia Hotel where we would stay for the duration of the conference.

On the first day, we went to ICC. We were informed of the rules of procedure, after a brief service, since it was Sunday. To lighten the mood, delegates came and cracked jokes. Those interested then sat for the exam for chairpersons/rapporteurs of their various committees. Of course, this was after we had submitted our applications. Sunday evening and Monday morning were spent having manifestos for those that passed the exam. Chinasa, Oyinda and Kene won chairpersons for their committees while Chisom and Chijioke won rapporteurs – secretaries. We were all country-heads of our countries. Oh! And the opening ceremony had many dignitaries present including the wife of the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. We later ate and rested. Then the night was even more fun with (drum roll please...) Sanusi Lamido Sanusi. He is down-to-earth and affable. He was the keynote speaker for the night. He motivated everyone present. At the end, we were able to take pictures and interact with him.

Tuesday morning was for committee session. In our various committees, we deliberated on matters relating to corruption. You could see Kamilah debating like a woman in the real United Nations, or maybe Sammy clad in his nice-looking suit, walking majestically across the conference hall. That night was world Cultural night and we all dressed in our traditional attires and various schools presented mimes, dramas, etc. It was fun.

On Wednesday, the exam for the post of **Secretary-General** was taken. A Couple of us took the exam, but in total there were about 150 students that took the exam. There was also a conclusion of the committee sessions that morning. We later returned to our hotels to prepare for the closing ceremony. In the evening, we had more presentations, talk and dinner. Much later that night, it was time to announce the top seven in the Secretary-General exam. These would give manifestos after which the various countries would vote. One of us reached this stage. After talk, talk and more talk, all 193 countries in the United Nations voted, and... and... **Muyiwa Oyatogun emerged as the Secretary General of NISSMUN!!!** It was thrilling! So, he's going to be the Secretary General for the NISSMUN conference 2012!

We shared the hotel with Capital Science Academy and it was very interesting. We got to interact with many people and we made a lot of new friends. There was lots and lots of food to eat. Pictures also had their fair share of every part of the conference. It was great as we honestly felt like real diplomats: staying up late, tweeting, researching, watching movies. Yes! It was terrific.

On Thursday morning, we packed our things and returned to school. NISSMUN 2011, indeed, was a beautiful experience!

By: Muyiwa  
Oyatogun  
SS3E

## LIBRARY

We thank our parents and students who donate to our school library. We are proud to say our students make good use of our school library. For the academic year 2011/12, we will appreciate donations of the under listed reference materials published in 2011 by the Oxford University Press, London. Their Prices are attached in case one wants to donate but finds it difficult to lay hands on them.

S/N	Title/Author	Cost
<b>BOOKS FOR THE JUNIOR LIBRARY</b>		
1.	Life Processes and Environment	£35
2.	Framework Science: Year 9 Students' Book by Paddy Gannon	£25
3.	Scientific Investigation (plants, rock and outer space)	£35
4.	Energy, Electricity and Movement	£35
5.	Chemical Reaction	£35
<b>Other 11 – 14 Resources</b>		
6.	Science to 14	£25
7.	Foundation Science to 14	£28
8.	Chemistry First	£30
9.	Biology First	£30
10.	Physics First	£30
<b>Beginning Sciences</b>		
11.	Biology	£18
12.	Chemistry	£18
13.	Physics	£18
14.	Writing to 14 by Geoff Barton	£25
15.	Comprehension to 14	£25
16.	Grammar to 14	£25
17.	The Complete Guide to Successful Drama File	£62

<b>BOOKS FOR THE SENIOR LIBRARY</b>		
1.	Complete Biology for IGCSE	£38
2.	Complete Chemistry for IGCSE	£38
3.	Complete Physics for IGCSE	£38
4.	Complete Biology	£38
5.	Complete Chemistry	£38
6.	Complete Physics	£38
7.	Explaining Physics	£35
8.	Advanced Biology	£55
9.	Advanced Physics	£55
10.	Advanced Chemistry	£55
11.	Certificate Physical and Human Geography	£30
12.	Complete Geography	£40
13.	Advanced Geography	£65
14.	Essential Writing Skills	£52
15.	Function English – Writing	£52
16.	Shakespeare – The Tempest	£52
17.	Developing Writing	£52



# Reminders

## **BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR VISITING DAY**

**AND NUMBER OF VISITORS:** For security and other reasons, we would like to remind our parents that we only expect to see them on their specific visiting day, namely, A & C visiting parents or B, D & E parents on their scheduled days. The school's policy is that each student is limited to five visitors. Should you require a change in your visiting day or intend to bring a large number of guests (more than five persons) to the school on your visiting day please obtain the required permission from the Principal. As always his consent should be received in writing to be shown at the security post. We thank you very much for your cooperation.

## **PERMISSION TO BE AWAY FROM**

**SCHOOL:** Any student granted permission to be away from school, at the request of his/her parents, will go on Academic Probation when he or she returns to school. This policy enables the school to guarantee that any class, assignment or any other school activity missed will be compensated for. It is therefore not punishment but the school's way of making sure that her students do not miss out in any way on the school's programme.

## **LJC OFFICE HOURS:**

Our Office Hours are from 8AM to 4PM Mondays to Fridays throughout the academic year. We will be glad to respond to your requests within this period. Be reminded that you can reach us on the following: Admin: +2348054909665, +2347053333380; Accounts: +2348078151295 (bursar@loyolajesuit.org). Do not send sms messages.

## **PARENTS FORMAL CONSENT FOR**

**EXCURSION:** Parents/guardians of our students are required to give their formal consent for their children to be allowed on out-

Of-school excursions/activities during the school year. Kindly pick a Consent Form from the Admin Office, or contact the school for assistance.

## **CONTRABAND ITEMS**

1. Anything edible
2. Pocket money (naira, etc)
3. Expensive jewelry/item of fashion
4. Perfumes, belts with large buckles
5. Mobile phone, Camera, video games, i-pods
6. Any unauthorized extra clothing, be it a social wear or LJC uniform
7. Any unapproved book/literature
8. Non-school sandals
9. Any item that is not in the student check-list (unless authorized)
10. Any top with 'spaghetti strap' or any other mono-strap top
11. Any top that exposes the armpits
12. Top with plunging/dropping v-neck
13. Sleeveless top without wide straps
14. Any skirt that is above kneel-level
15. Clothing of a transparent nature
16. Any other item of clothing that the Principal considers indecent
17. Any of the above contraband sent to a student will be confiscated
18. Confiscated contraband will not be returned to student nor to parent
19. Unreturned confiscated items will be recorded and given to the poor
20. All non-contraband items meant for students must be sent through the principal's office.



## 2nd TERM: JANUARY 6– March 31, 2012

Faculty Workshop	January 4-5	
JS-1, JS-3 and SS-3 Resume	January 6	
JS-2, SS-1 and SS-2 Resume	January 7	
First Continuous Assessment	January 25-27	
Entrance Examination	February 4	
Inter-House Sports Day	February 18	<b>(All LJC Parents invited)</b>
<b>Open Day</b>	<b>February 19</b>	
Ash Wednesday	February 22	
Second Continuous Assessment	February 22-24	
Mock SSCE begins	February 29- March 9	
List of Successful Entrance Candidates published on-line	March 1	
A & C Classes Visiting Day	March 4	
Three Angels Memorial	March 14	
SS-3 Leave for Home Vacation	March 10 or 11	
B, D & E Classes Visiting Day	March 11	
SS-3 Resume (Extension Classes)	March 18	<b>(Tentative: Pending WAEC Schedule)</b>
End of Term Examinations	March 21-27	
End of Term Activities	March 28-30	
Second Term Ends: Students leave	March 31	
Palm Sunday	April 1	
Kairos Retreat (Batch 1)	March 31-April 4	

## 3rd TERM: April 21 – JULY 14, 2012

Publication of Final Entrance list into LJC	April 1	
Easter Day	April 8	
JS-3 Resume (Extension Classes)	April 9	
Kairos Retreat (Batch II)	April 17—21	
JS-1, JS-2, SS-1 and SS-2 Resume	April 21	
Mock JSCE	April 23-28	
Workers Day	May 1	<b>(No Classes)</b>
First Continuous Assessment	May 16-18	
JSS-3 Leave for Vacation	May 19	<b>(Tentative: Pending NECO timetable)</b>
A & C Classes Visiting Day	May 27	<b>(Children's Day)</b>
B, D & E Classes Visiting Day	June 3	
LJC Cultural Day	June 12	
Second Continuous Assessment	June 6-8	
Career and University Presentations (II)	June 16	
A & C Classes Visiting Day	June 17	
B, D & E Classes Visiting Day	June 24	
End of Term Examinations	July 4-10	
Graduation	July 8	<b>(Tentative: Pending NECO Time Table)</b>
End of Term Activities	July 11-13	
Career and University Presentations (III)	July 12	
Third Term Ends: Students leave	July 14	
SS-1 Leadership Program	July 14	
Service Program for SS-2 Students	July 16-August 6	



# From the Principal

*Fr. Ugo Nweke, SJ.*

**WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

**I welcome you all back to a new year. We pray that it will be prosperous, peaceful and graced. During the holidays, our SS2 students underwent an intensive course on leadership and citizenship. It was a highly challenging exercise, and it stretched their mental and physical abilities to their limits. But at the end of the program, we believe they have emerged better persons, since the seeds of leadership, service and pride in the fatherland have been planted in them. For these seeds to grow to maturity, and bear fruits in their hundreds and yes, thousands, they will need our support — parents and staff working together — to nurture and consolidate the gains of the training. We need to work together to help our children transform into the kind of leaders we envision them to become.**

**One of the highlights of this term is the 11th LJC Inter-House Sports Competition and N20 million fundraising for the development of sports facilities in the college (the event holds on February 18, and begins with the Holy Mass in the school chapel at 10:00AM). Why do we need such money? We want to renovate our tennis court which was affected by storm. Many of our children take delight in playing this sport and it is our desire to ensure that they continue to enjoy this facility and improve their skills in this sport. We desire to create a standard volley-ball court, to improve on our main soccer pitch, and to develop a gymnasium for physical training. As you know, physical fitness and mental alertness go hand-in-hand. Kindly contact Mr Paul Uke, Director of Sports ([uke@loyolajesuit.org](mailto:uke@loyolajesuit.org)), the Principal ([principal@loyolajesuit.org](mailto:principal@loyolajesuit.org)) or the President, Fr Ehi Omoragbon, SJ ([president@loyolajesuit.org](mailto:president@loyolajesuit.org)) if you, or your organization, would like to support this event in any way.**

**We are glad to announce that during the holiday, we received 222 desks and chairs that we had ordered from the United States over three months ago. We are expecting more of those classroom furniture. While we wait for them, we will ensure that the ones already received are placed in the classrooms of JS3 and SS3 (our examination classes) and in JS1 classrooms. We hope that this would help our students concentrate in their studies, and also improve the aesthetics of our classroom. Once again, we thank the Abuja PTA for contributing to this project. These pieces of furniture cost a fortune to purchase and a lot of stress and money to get through customs. Please, support us as we encourage our children to care for these items and for any other public property. Also, contact the president ([president@loyolajesuit.org](mailto:president@loyolajesuit.org)) or my office ([principal@loyolajesuit.org](mailto:principal@loyolajesuit.org)), if you can help us facilitate the speedy clearance of similar imports, in the future.**

**Once again, do have a lovely year!**

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Let nothing trouble you  
Let nothing bother you  
Everything passes  
God never changes  
He who has God wants for  
nothing...  
God alone suffices...  
God alone is enough...

- *St Teresa of Avila.*

God is the friend of silence. If we really want to pray we must first learn to listen, for in the silence of the heart God speaks. The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service.

- *Adapted from Mother Teresa*

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.

- *Mother Teresa.*

An Islamic saying has it: “For every step you take towards God, God takes two steps toward you; and if you come to God walking, God comes to you running”

- In James Martin, SJ, (2000). *In Good Company*, p. 179.

*Please, feel free to share your own insights and reflections with other members of the Loyola Jesuit College community. Contact the Principal via email: [principal@loyolajesuit.org](mailto:principal@loyolajesuit.org)*